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Board acts to preserve historic stone pillars in Crestline

SAN BERNARDINO - The Board of Supervisors approved a contract with the Rim of the World Historical Society on Tuesday to begin cataloging and restoring historic stone pillars throughout the mountain community.

"These pillars are a link to Crestline's past that unfortunately have not been cared for properly throughout the years," said Second District Supervisor Paul Biane, who requested \$25,000 for the preservation project. "If we did not take action to restore these historic monuments, they would crumble to pieces and be lost forever."

The San Bernardino County Library will work with the Rim of the World Historical Society to map the location of about 12 monuments, which were built to demark various neighborhoods and landmarks in the mountain communities. The oldest pillars date back to the 1920s when the area was being developed as a resort community.

The Rim of the World Historical Society has contacted local stonemasons to repair the pillars. The repairs are expected to cost about \$25,000. The Library will

help the historical society create a narrative history of the project and displays that will be placed as the Crestline branch library.

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